

Dear Colorado Grower,

Since our inception, Community Food Share has worked to bring in local produce donations from farmers and other small growers. We want to strengthen these relationships and keep them growing. With the help of the AmeriCorps VISTA program, we have acquired three years of service corps members whose purpose is to build and solidify our produce and gleaning program.

In 2017, Community Food Share worked with 12 farms, numerous gardeners, and other growers across Boulder and Broomfield Counties. Our Produce and Gleaning Volunteer Coordinator/ AmeriCorps VISTA member, Leigh Pond, organized pickups of extra produce left over from the Lafayette Farmers Market, as well as a weekly Monday pickup from several small farms - both of which ran throughout the growing season. She was also able to coordinate 16 gleans on various farms from June through October. These opportunities utilized Community Food Share volunteers to harvest extra vegetables and bring them back to the warehouse. **With the help of the AmeriCorps member in 2017, CFS was able to bring in 17,000 more pounds of local, fresh produce than the 2016 growing season.**

We understand how valuable providing good food is to you, as a grower. That's why this season we ask you to consider growing extra for individuals in need. If planting more is not an option for your farm, please donate any leftover harvests to Community Food Share. Instead of tilling crops back into the soil, that leftover produce can provide you with tax benefits, and a family in need with delicious sustenance. We need your help combating hunger in our communities!

Best and kindest regards,

Brianna Nash
AmeriCorps VISTA
Produce & Gleaning
Coordinator



Garden Share

2017 by the numbers

185,475

Pounds of local produce in 2017

12 farms

That donated to CFS

16 gleans

On farms in Boulder County

312 hours

Of volunteer time on farms

222,569

Meals generated by local produce



Munson Farms

Fighting Hunger with Community Food Share



For more than 40 years Munson Farms has been growing sweet corn, pumpkins, and a handful of other staple crops in Boulder County.

Two generations of Munson farmers have grown and donated food to Community Food Share. Farmer Bob Munson believed strongly in community, and growing extra food for those in need was simply “what he did.”

Bob’s sons, Mike and Chris, run the farm now and continue working with Community Food Share every season, bringing gleaners into the fields to harvest the extra crops. An ancient practice, gleaning was the practice of planting an extra plot of food for hungry people in a community. The relationship between Munson Farms and CFS hasn’t drifted far from the origin of gleaning efforts to quell food-insecurity.

Mike Munson understands that growing 10% extra on their land has minimal cost when considering their 60 acre operation. Munson Farms takes full advantage of the Colorado Charitable Crop Donation Act, a tax incentive which allows up to \$5,000 in returns from donating food.

Munson Farms and Community Food Share have coordinated and executed gleans for nearly four decades, and this relationship has provided food for thousands of food-insecure individuals.

“Everybody seems so positive and upfront about helping out the community.” — Mike Munson, on gleaners and CFS staff

Colorado Charitable Crop Donation Act

The CCCDA is an income tax credit for farmers that make food donations to hunger-relief organizations. Here’s how it works:

- Visit FeedingColorado.org to determine which food bank is in your service area. If you are a resident of Boulder or Broomfield Counties, Community Food Share is your donation site.
- Donate produce, meat, eggs, or dairy
- Ask the receiving food bank for a Charitable Crop Donation Receipt
- Receive up to 25% of your donation, not to exceed \$5,000, amount in tax credit. (Produce value is determined by wholesale market price)

For more information call Community Food Share at (303) 652-3663.

What to Donate



Produce, eggs, meat, dairy

Please ensure your donated product is safe for human consumption. DO NOT give Community Food Share spoiled food.

Contact

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How to Donate



- ⇒ Monday produce pick-ups
- ⇒ Gleaning with volunteers
- ⇒ Farm Culls
- ⇒ Drop off at Community Food Share | M-F, 8-3pm



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